

## Remarks

Claim 33 is amended.

Claims 33, 35-36, 42-43 and 47-48 are pending in this application and are under consideration.

There are no allowed claims.

Claim 33 is amended to delete reference to "household products".

The present claims are now focused only on body-care products.

No new matter is added.

## Claim Rejections

Claims 33, 35, 36, 42, 43, 47-49, 54-61, 63 and 64 (*sic*) are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, for reasons of record.

Applicants submit that "light protection formulations" are well understood by those skilled in the art. They are formulations for application to skin that contain ultraviolet light absorbers.

The terms "hormone preparations, vitamin preparations, vegetable extract preparations and antibacterial preparations" are also well understood by those skilled in the art. They are preparations containing active ingredients that are useful for application to skin (cosmetic formulations). This is clear from canceled claims 54, 55 and 60.

In view of the present amendments and the above remarks, Applicants submit that the 35 USC 112, first paragraph rejections are addressed and are overcome.

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Claims 33, 35, 36, 42, 43, 47, 48, 61 and 64 (*sic*) are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Hoffmann, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,643,985.

The Examiner states that "household products" can correspond to the "recycled plastics" of Hoffmann.

Claims 33, 35, 47, 48, 61 and 64 (*sic*) are rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Severns, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,723,435.

Severns is cited as disclosing fabric softener compositions.

Applicants submit that the present claim amendments address and obviate these art rejections.

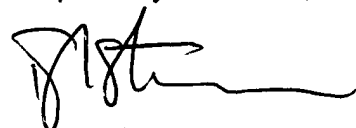
In view of the present amendments and the above remarks, Applicants submit that each of the 35 USC 112, first paragraph, 35 USC 102(b) and 35 USC 102(a) rejections are addressed and are overcome.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections.

Applicants submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

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